

El Salvador's perfinned stationery stamps

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The two "stamps" illustrated at left below were recently purchased from a dealer who often sends me South American material. Having never seen them before anywhere, my curiosity was aroused enough to get me to write the Associated Collectors of El Salvador. ACES secretary Mike Moore referred me to member Bob Fisher who supplied the following information.

The two "stamps" are not stamps. They are envelope cut squares and the Higgins & Gage numbers are B80 and B81. They were issued in 1906 and the person pictured is President Escalon of El Salvador. A perforated postage stamp set of the same design was issued in 1906.

The El Salvador post office cut out the squares, perforated them with a numeral indicating the value and sold them as stamps. Besides the two shown (the 2 and 3c), a 1c and a 5c are known with numeral perfins. A 13c value was issued with this set but it is not known if it also was perforated.

It is not known for certain what year this postal stationery stamp set was issued, but the 2c shown here has a 1907 cancel and that would indicate that they came out shortly after the original stationery was issued.

If you can add information, especially if you have or have seen additional items in this set, drop me a line at 2 Keklico Court East, Charleston, SC 29408.